

April 17, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Petition of the State Independent Alliance, *et al.*;
WT Docket No. 00-239**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Western Wireless Corp. made an *ex parte* presentation today regarding the proceeding referred to above. FCC participants in this meeting were Matthew Brill, legal advisor to Commissioner Abernathy. In attendance, were Western's outside counsel, Michele Farquhar; Western's Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Gene Dejordy; and myself. The presentation covered matters summarized in the attached handout.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-654-5903.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Rubin
Director of Federal Government Affairs

Enclosure